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DX News

New advertisers on DX-World

A warm welcome to SDRplay who recently started advertising on DX-World.

<https://www.sdrplay.com/>

A warm welcome to Airspy.US for also starting to advertise on DX-World.

<https://v3.airspy.us/>

HAM Radio 2021 Cancelled

Due to recent restrictive developments, the Ham Radio 2021 exhibition has now officially been cancelled. Hopes are high for hosting the event again in 2022 (June 24-26).

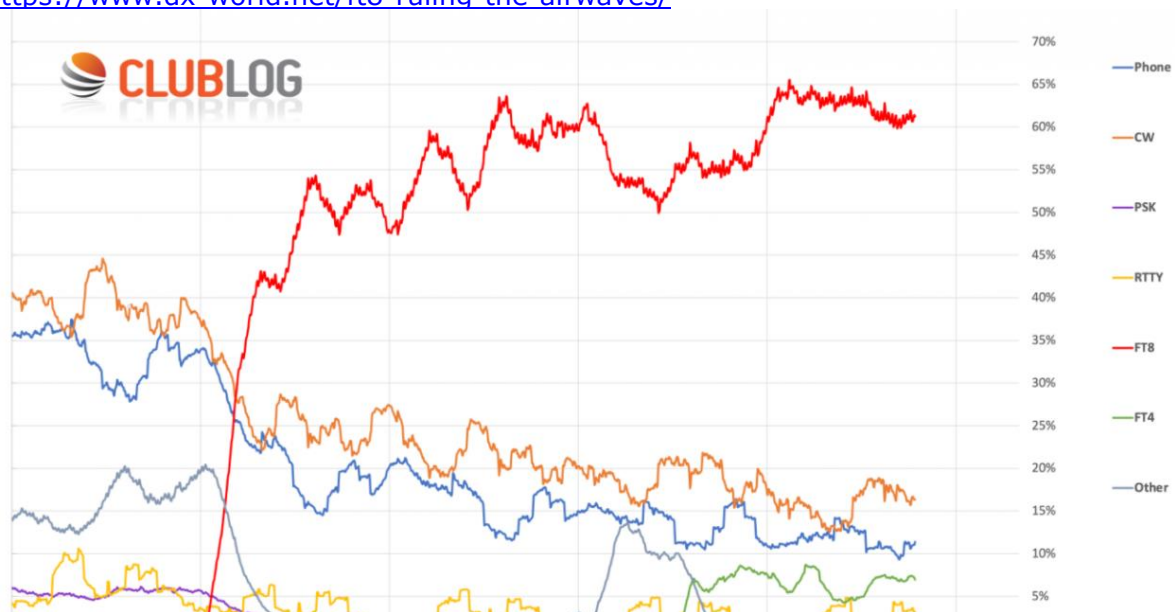
Parks of America Weekend

Ronaldo/PS8RV (PYFF coordinator) announces that the Parks of America Weekend (April 7 to 11) has been cancelled after much deliberation.

FT8 ruling the airwaves

Michael, G7VJR (owner of Club Log) has closed comments on his article, but we are interested in the findings. Is FT8 the game-changer many speak about or the hobby-busting devil others despise?

<https://www.dx-world.net/ft8-ruling-the-airwaves/>



DX-World Quiz #26

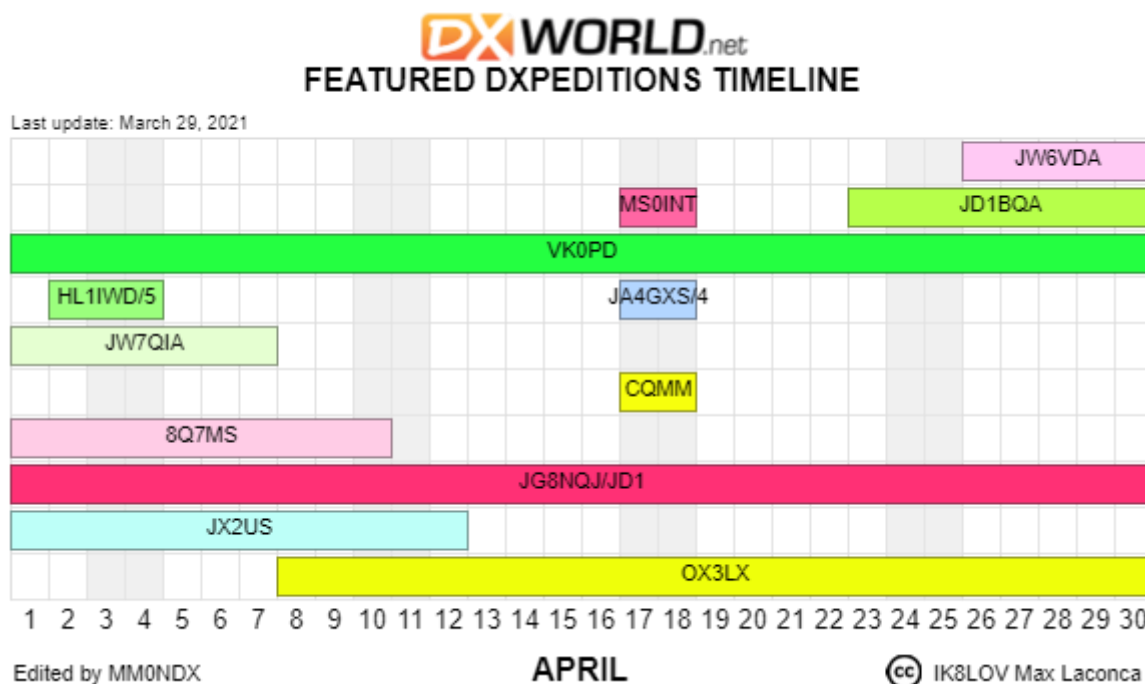
We haven't had a DX Quiz for about 5 weeks so here's the next, long overdue one for you. Pass mark still 60%. Good luck !

<https://www.dx-world.net/dx-world-quiz-26/>

Be sure to check DX-World sound bites, scroll all the way down the website to see.

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCpKd5sMNAqKhQZ6HP67scGQ>

DXCC timeline



This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

3D2, FIJI Dom, 3Z9DX is now in Fiji (currently in quarantine playing ham radio). He mentions if anyone needs 3D2 for a new mode, slot, points etc then to let the Rebel DX Group know.

8Q, MALDIVES Mats RM2D/SM6LRR is operating as 8Q7MS until April 10. Operation in 'holiday-style' mainly from 40 to 15 meter using CW with some SSB.

CP, BOLIVIA Toni, EA5RM is operating during his spare time as CP1XRM until April 27. Activity on HF using SSB and digital modes. Toni is in Bolivia working on a non-governmental organization's project. QSL via home call and LoTW.

FS, SAINT MARTIN Janusz, SP9FIH is active as TO1K until April 5. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call. <http://fs.dxpeditons.org/>

HC, ECUADOR Rick, NE8Z is active as HC1MD/2 from the Santa Elena province until May 15. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4-8. QSL via K8LJG and LoTW.

HK, COLOMBIA Lothar, DK8LRF extends his stay due to Covid until end April. QRV as HK3JCL. QSL via home call.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take JG8NQJ is active again as JG8NQJ/JD1 until around half May. JD/M is #23 most wanted entity listed on Club Log.

JW, SVALBARD Peter, LA7QIA is operating as JW7QIA until April 7. Operation on 160 and 30 meter so far. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD Erling, LB2PG is QRV as JW/call from Bear Island until June 1. Activity during his spare time from 80 to 20 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

KH9, WAKE ISL Tom, NL7RR is back on Wake island until around mid-May. Operation during his spare time (he works as a contractor on the island) on 40 and 20 meter using SSB. QSL direct via AL7JX or NL7WK.

P4, ARUBA Jean-Pierre, P43A is active as P45A until April. QSL via P43A.

TY, BENIN Johannes, ZS6JSI is active mobile from Parakou as ZS6JSI/TY. Operation until June on 80, 40 and 20 meter using SSB and FT8 during his spare time. QSL via home call, LoTW.

XV, VIETNAM Brian, AA5H is operating as 3W9OK from Da Nang during April. Activity will be on HF using FT8 and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

ZC4, UK SOVEREIGN BASE Garry, 2M1DHG is active for at least 2 years as ZC4GR. Activity on HF using SSB and digital modes such as FT8, SSTV, PSK31, WSPR mostly between 17 and 19 UTC "a few nights a week". QSL via EB7DX.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISL Tev, TA1HZ is active as ZD8HZ until mid-April. He uses 100w to a windom wire antenna. Operation during his spare time and most of the contests. QSL via home call direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log. <https://www.qrz.com/db/ZD8HZ>

Coming up soon

JW, SVALBARD Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be operating between April 10 and April 13 as JW/calls. This operation ties in with their North Pole expedition, more info found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/DC8TM>

OX, GREENLAND Bo, OZ1DJJ will once again be QRV as OX3LX between April 8 and May 1. He plans to be active from 2 or 3 locations Locator GP47TA, GP44DE and HP15EO. Operation during his spare time in the morning, around lunch and after dinner. QSL via OZ0J.

QSL preview



VK9CE

CQ 29 - ITU 54 IOTA OC-003 LOC:NH87jt
West Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands

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NCRG Cocos DXpedition Team
Dxpedition 16-23 March, 2021

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IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-081 Geoje Isl Lee, HL1IWD/5 will be active in April 2-4. QRV on 40 and 20 meter using mainly CW with some FT8. QSL goes automatically via EA5GL.

EUROPE

EU-028 Tuscan Archipelago Alessandro, IU3EDK (SSB) and Andrea, IU1LCU (CW) plan to be active as IA5D from several islands in the Tuscan Archipelago in the coming weeks. The callsign is valid until the end of the year. QSL via IU3EDK.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-026 Long Isl Bodo, DF8DX is active as KT3Q/2 until April 3. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DF8DX.

NA-059 Unalaska Isl Keith, KL2JE is operating until April 10. QRV during his spare time on 20 meter using FT8.

OCEANIA

OC-161 Nias Isl Mario, YD6HNL is a new operator in North Sumatra. He has been active on 15 meter using FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

On the scene

RI0Q Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152

As they left the island, the Northern Lights started to show.



JX2US Jan Mayen -on air



VK0PD Casey Station, Antarctica –Paul VK2PAD



8Q7MS Maldives –Mats RM2D on air



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

FR, REUNION Phil F5TRO and Ann F5BSB are moving to Reunion in May 2021 and will be operating as FR8UA and FR8TZ. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

3X, GUINEA

9L, SIERRA LEONE

Jean-Philippe J28PJ will be operating from these location during September 2021. A side trip to AS-037 and AF-051 is possible. More to follow.

5H, TANZANIA Sergey, UT9UU will be operating as 5H3UU from Dar Es Salaam during early August. QSL via home call, LoTW.

5H, TANZANIA Roman, RA/3W3RR (ex-9Q9RR) has announced plans to be active from Zanzibar island, AF-032. Currently no set dates as to when 5H1RR activity may happen due to COVID-19. More info to follow in due course..

5T, MAURITANIA Tom, DL7BO has plans to be active as 5T7OO soon and staying there for a long period. More info to follow. QSL via DJ6TF.

8Q, MALDIVES Nobby, G0VJG will be active as 8Q7CQ from the Reethi Faru resort between September 29 and October 13. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via M0OXO.

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC somewhere in 2021. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active somewhere during 2021 as XR0YSP. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The CY0C Sable Island DXpedition team will be active somewhere October 2021.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM during October-November. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will be active as FM/call and as TO7O during the CQWW SSB contest. Operation from October 27 until November 5. QSL via home call and LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Marius, ON4RU will be active as FM/OQ3R between May 23 and June 5. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included as TO3F. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via home call.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed until August 8-16. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 29 and July 13. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will be operating as J88PI between July 23 and August 1. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

<https://www.g4dvh.co.uk/dxpedition-2017>

JD1, OGASAWARA Takio, JH3QFL will be operating as JD1BQA between May 1 and May 7. Activity on 160, 80, 40 and 6 meter using FT4/8 and satellite RS-44 on CW. QSL via home call.

JD1, OGASAWARA Koji, JE3GRQ has not yet concrete plans but will be operating as JD1BQI somewhere in 2021. This will be a 6 meter EME operation. More to follow.

JW, SVALBARD Tom, OH6VDA will be QRV as JW5E from the clubstation from Longyearbyen during April 26 and May 9. Activity in 'holiday-style'. QSL via QRZ.com.

KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway during September 2021 for about 2 weeks (if the COVID 19 is under control). Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

OJ0, MARKET REEF Joseph, AD7D will be operating as OJ0D during the summer 2021. Dates not yet confirmed. More to follow.

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA A DXpedition will take place in honor of the 175th anniversary of the Nockolay Miklouho Maclay. More to follow. QSL via RM0L.

PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS John, W5JON will be active as PJ5/call between June 22-28. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL direct or LoTW.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA Fabio PY2RMZ and Marcio PU4MDO with maybe 2 others will be somewhere during 2021. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter. QSL via EA7FTR.

PZ, SURINAME Markus, DJ4EL informs: Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that, outside his PZ5G activity from SA-092, he will be active from Houttuyn, Suriname as PZ5GE during October 9-23. QRV on 40-10m SSB. QSL via LoTW, H/c.

TG, GUATEMALA Dwight, VE7BV will be active as TG9BBV from Sacatepéquez during November. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) somewhere during 2021 from Ndjamená. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only).

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from Calypso Bay between June 12 and July 10. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce a new DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island as VK9W or VK9HR from November 3 until November 13. A team with 5 operators so far (VK2IR, VK3YP, VK2RF, VK2OK and VK2PN) will be active from 160 to 10 meter...More to follow.

VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA Dates are not confirmed, nor length of activity, but Bob DU7ET could again be active from Diego Garcia as VQ9ET later this year. Update to follow...

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX somewhere during 2021. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

Z6, KOSOVO A Belgian team will be active somewhere in 2021 from Kosovo. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, OQRS.

Announced IOTA

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-032 Zanzibar Gab, H3JB will be operating as 5H1IP from September 20 until September 30. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

AF-045 Gore Isl A team with 6W1KI, 6W1PZ, 6W1QL, 6W7JX and others will be operating as 6V1A when the situation is possible. Activity on various bands with 2 stations using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

AF-115 Mukawwar Isl As news of Covid vaccines emerge – with hopefully an improving picture across the world by the middle of next year – plans for this particular island activity will restart after March 2021. Future updates will be posted here.

ASIA

AS-080 Pukkyognyolbi Isl Kim, DS3BBC and friends will be operating as D70EXPO during July 22-25. Activity from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via DS3BBC, LoTW or Club Log.

AS-117 Otsu Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will be operating as call/4 on April 17-18. Activity on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

AS-140 Manpura Isl Manju, S2IAM and Fazlay S2IRC will be active as S2IDX between December 16 and December 22. *"Manpura island is some 300km away from the capital and is situated in the south coastal belt of Bangladesh. There is some limited settlement there, and no electricity. We have selected the remote southern tips of the island for our camp. Though the lack of electricity is a challenge for us but at the same time that is a blessing – less interference."* <https://s21dx.org/>

AS-149 Moneron Isl Look for RI0FM between July 15 and July 31. Operation on HF with an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via RW6HS.

EUROPE

EU-068 Sein Isl A large team will be operating as TM6KJS between May 27 and June 6. Operation from 80 meter to 23cm. 6 stations will be on air. QSL via bureau or direct (to be defined later). <https://tm6kjs.f6kjs.fr/en/home/>

EU-111 Monach Isles A team with G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the IOTA 2021 contest period from Ceann Ear. Outside the contest they will be active as GM3RCV.

EU-123 Bass Rock Team MS0INT (EI6FR, MM0NDX, MM0OKG and cameraman) has today been granted permission to land on the Bass Rock (EU-123) and to undertake an IOTA DXpedition there. Tentative date: April 17-18. The Bass Rock has only ever been activated three times (1997, 2001, 2008) according to research. The team is indebted to Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Sir Hew Dalrymple for allowing them to land on his island.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-039 Adak Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-070 Kiska Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-041 Shelter Isl Phil, KC3CIB will be operating as call/KL7 during his spare time starting June. When time permits, he will be active on HF using mainly digital modes. QSL via home call, direct.

NA-048 Bimini Isl A team with Duane N4RRR, Jack K4KSW, Terry N4QBS and Richard NN2T will be operating as C6AHA from July 14 until July 21. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8.

NA-168 Grand Isle Allan, KV4T and Bridget KS4YT will again be active from Grand Isle NA-068 during the IOTA contest (July 24-25). Plan is for both stations signing with their home calls. QSL 100% via LoTW & eQSL. Full colour paper QSL available upon request with SASE via home address.

OCEANIA

OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands (Campbell Island) The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Campbell Island. Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame.

The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-092 Papegaaien Isl Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaien Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during October 15-18. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.

-PZ5G grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)

-PZ5GE grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only)

More on QRZ.com



Antarctica base stations

Belgrano II Base Ramon, LU3HRS reports he is now active from Belgrano II Base, Coats Land, Antarctica during the 2020-2021 scientific research season. His exact locator is HB22qd. QRV mainly on 20m FT8-FT4-JT65 when time permits. QSL via LoTW or bureau via LU4AA.

Casey station Paul, VK2PAD is currently stationed at Casey Station, Antarctica where he works as an instrument electrician and trades supervisor. He mentions he runs an IC-7300 and/or IC-705 with a 300W linear amplifier. Antennas are 3 x 10m telescoping fiberglass poles. He has made some contacts on 20m so far and will construct further wire antennas later. Paul also says that unfortunately there's a 1Kw ionosonde transmitter about 200m away from his shack. Operation until November.

King Se-Jong Base As part of the next scientific team, look for Lee, DS4NMJ to again be active from the King Se-Jong Korean Antarctic Base on King George Island, South Shetlands as DT8A in 2021. QRV on FT8, CW & SSB, 100w. QSL via DS5TOS. Dates to be confirmed.

Syowa Station Takumi, JG3PLH is the operator who will be stationed at Showa Research Base, Queen Maud Land, AN-015 lasting through to January 2022. QRV as 8J1RL on HF, CW, Digital Modes. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

Vostok Station Alexey, RX6A is active until May 30 as RI0IANT. Operation from 40 to 15 meter using CW and FT8. Operation until end May 2021. QSL via home call.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

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<http://rdaward.org/indexeng.htm>

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You also have a possibility to have a sound notification when your unconfirmed RDA is spotted. Go and check it out:

<https://mydx.eu/?tab=spots>

DL, GERMANY Members of the DARC Team Special Event Station operate as **DA21WARD** (special DOK 21WARD) until June 30 to mark the World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via bureau and DK5ON (d). (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY The ARI Fidenza Club (IQ4FE) issues an award "Elettra: The Miracle Ship" in 2021, drawing attention to Marconi's yacht Elettra and its significance in his radio experiments. During April, **II4DNZ** commemorates Marconi's boat trip to Fiume in 1920. QSL via IQ4FE. (TNX DXNL)

LZ, BULGARIA During April, **LZ200GSR** celebrates the 200th birthday of Georgi Sava Rakovski (1821-1867), a Bulgarian writer and historian. QSL via LZ1XM (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC The radio club Chrudim celebrates its 75th anniversary with the callsign **OL75KCR** until the end of the year. QSL via Club Log OQRS. (TNX DXNL)

OM, SLOVAK REPUBLIC Radioklub Partizanske will be active as **OM77PA** in various contests throughout 2021. The special callsign pays a tribute to Peter Martiska (OM3PA), the club's chairman and leading operator for fifty years, who passed away on 3 January aged 77. QSL via OM4MM. (TNX 425DX)

OZ, DENMARK **OZ75MAY** and **OZ75BO** commemorate the liberation of Bornholm 75 years ago after German occupation during World War II and Soviet presence after the War's end. QRV between April 1 and 11 on HF (SSB, CW, digital modes). An award is available as well. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log OQRS (preferred), and OZ1ACB. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Ruud/PG1R operates as **PG96WARD** during April to mark the World Amateur Radio Day and IARU's 96th anniversary. QSL via PG1R (d/B), LoTW, Club Log. (TNX DXNL)

PY, BRAZIL Members of LABRE-DF (PT2AAA) celebrate the founding of Brazil's capital Brasilia 61 years ago with the callsign **ZW61DF** during April. Operators are Raimundo Celso/PT2APO, Jorge/PT2CE, Morgado/PT2CSM, Stuckert/PT2GTI, Fernandes/ PT2IW, Orlando/PT2OP und Amaral/PW8BR. QSL via PT2GTI (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

VE, CANADA Pierre/VA2CZ operates as **VX2Z** until May 26 to draw attention to the first smallpox vaccine 225 years ago. QSL only via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

THE REMINDERS

Scuba Ham Award: underwater and on air around the world

DX Holiday introduces the SCUBA HAM AWARD, the diploma of amateur radio scuba divers, with the sponsorship of Mediterraneo DX Club. Operation on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. Activity during February.

SCUBA HAM's stations will call CQ Scuba Ham Award on phone, CQ Scuba on CW and DIGITAL. <https://www.dx-holiday.com/scuba-ham-award/>

4X, ISRAEL Look for special prefixes **4X73** and **4Z73**, followed by the station's individual suffix (e.g. 4X1VF and 4Z1AR will be signing 4X73VF and 4Z73AR respectively) to be used to celebrate the State of Israel's 73rd anniversary on 14-17 April, and especially during the Holyland Contest. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA Look for **9A10FF** for the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC to use during 2021 to celebrate its 10th anniversary. QSL via LoTW or via 9A2MF direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A64AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using until the end of the year to mark his 64th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call.

CT, PORTUGAL Valdemar, CT7AQD will be active as **CQ750RSI** throughout 2021 to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth of Aragon (1271-1336), queen consort of Portugal and patron saint of the city of Coimbra. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Special callsign **DP70HSC** will be in use throughout 2021 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy High Speed Club (<http://www.highspeedclub.org/>). QSL via bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** until end June 2021 to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Look for **DR100JL** and **DQ100JL** until end May. This to mark 100 years of Junkers aviation together with **DA0FFR**, **DB0FFR**, **DF0FFR** and **DK0FFR**.
<http://www.100julu.de/>

DL, GERMANY DL21EURO (special DOK 21EURO), operated by members of the DARC Special Events team, marks two football events to take place across Europe during 2021, the European Championship and the European Championship for players under 21 years old. QRV until July 11. QSL via bureau and DK5ON (d), eQSL, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DQ11WCA (special DOK WCA11) activates a number of different castles and DLFF references until April 17. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically with a card, your's is not needed. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Look for **DR165TESLA** by members of DARC OV Mainz during 2021. This to celebrate the 165th birthday of Nikola Tesla. QRV on all bands using all modes. QSL via DK8ZZ, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. Your card is not needed.

DL, GERMANY The Radio High Speed Telegraphy Club (HSC) celebrates its 70th anniversary with the callsign **DK0HSC** (special DOK HSC70) during 2021. A good opportunity to work this and the club's other stations, DL0HSC and DF0HSC, will be during the upcoming HSC Contest. QSL via bureau. <http://www.highspeedclub.org/> (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Uwe, DO2PZ will be active as **DB100AVUS** throughout 2021 to celebrate The 100th anniversary of the AVUS (Automobil-Verkehrs- und Übungsstrasse, "Automobile traffic and training road"). Located in the south-west of Berlin and opened in 1921, it is the oldest controlled-access motorway in Europe. Until 1998, it was also used as a motor racing circuit. QSL via DO2PZ, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Special callsign **DR50AGCW** will be active throughout 2021 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft CW DL (Activity Group CW DL. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Commemorating the 220th anniversary of the birth of Friedrich Clemens Gerke, members of DARC Ortsverband Kerpen G29 are active as **DC220GERKE** until end April. QSL via DJ6SI (direct or bureau). Gerke (1801-1888) was the reformer of the Morse code; his improved version of the original code was adopted by the International Telegraph Union (the precursor of today's ITU) in 1865. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN URE San Fernando (EA7URF) is participating in the official celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the Earth [425DXN 1467]. The fifth in a series of **AM500** special event stations representing a milestone of the voyage will be **AM500MMM**, to be active from 24 April to 2 May to memorialize Ferdinand Magellan's death on the island of Mactan (Philippines). QSL via EA7URF (bureau or direct), LoTW and eQSL. Previously active were AM500SEV, AM500SAN, AM500ISJ and AM500ETS. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Special callsign **TM150PAR** is active until May 16 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Paris Commune, the revolutionary government that ruled Paris (18 March-28 May 1871) and had significant influence on the ideas of Karl Marx. QSL via F4HZS. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND The Hull & District Amateur Radio Society (HADARS, G3AMW, G8GBY & M0KUH) celebrates its 100th anniversary with the callsign **GB100H** during 2021 on 160m-70cm. Operators are Bernard/G0SWO, Bryn/M0GPN, Chris/G1WSA, John/M0JBA, Steve/M0OYR, Tony/G0WJK, and Trevor/G7IWE. QSL via GB100H (d/B) and eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

G, ENGLAND The British Railways Amateur Society (BRARS) celebrates its 55th anniversary as **GBOLMR** throughout the year. The group plans to get on the air also during events like Railways on the Air. QRV mainly during daytime hours on 40-10m (SSB, PSK31/63). QSL via bureau or 2E1HQY (d). (TNX DXNL)

G, ENGLAND Special callsign **GB75ISWL** will be active "on most bands and modes" throughout 2021 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Short Wave League. QSL via bureau. <https://www.iswl.org.uk/> (TNX 425DX)

GW, WALES John, MW1CFN is active as **GB1004FTS** from Anglesey until April 8. He will operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands, 6 and 2m. QSL via LoTW or direct. The special call celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Royal Air Force's No. 4 Flying Training School, opened on 1 April 1921. (TNX 425DX)

HL, KOREA Special event station **D90EXPO** is active until October 17 to promote the 2021 World Military Culture Expo that will take place in the city of Gyeryong on 1-17 October. QSL via LoTW or via DS3BBC; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Celebrating the 1600th anniversary of the founding of Venice, traditionally set on 25 March 421, and the 75th anniversary of ARI Venezia (<http://www.arivenezia.it/>), **II3VE** and **IQ3VE** are active on various bands and modes until end November. QSLs via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI section Quartu Sant'Elena (IQ0AM) celebrates its 40th anniversary with the callsign **II0QSE** until June 30 on HF (SSB, CW, digital modes). An award is also available. QSL via IS0AGY (D/B). (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY **II1DCC** ("Drake & Collins Collectors") is the special callsign for a "vintage activity" to be conducted until 31 December 2021. Marco, IK1RAE and other operators will use exclusively Drake and Collins pieces of equipment, and will be QRV on the HF bands (30, 17 and 12 metres excluded) SSB, CW and maybe AM. QSL via the bureau to IK1RAE. (TNX 425DX)

ISO, SARDINIA Special callsign **II0QSE** will be active from Quartu Sant'Elena, Sardinia (EU-024) until June 30 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the local branch of ARI. QSL via IS0AGY, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

JA, JAPAN Members of JARL Joetsu Club is active as **8NOJ** until end April 2022. This to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the city of Joetsu, Niigata. All QSO's will be confirmed automatically. QSL direct if needed via JJ0AWX. (TNX 425DX)

JA, JAPAN Look for special calls /60 to mark the Okinawa Amateur Radio 60th Anniversary Festival Activities during 2021. All stations QRV in Okinawa Prefecture may use the suffix. <https://www.jarl.com/okinawa/>

LU, ARGENTINA Special event station **L21RCA** will be active throughout 2021 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Radio Club Argentino, the national IARU member society, which was founded on 21 October 1921. QSL via LoTW or via LU4AA (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

LX, LUXEMBOURG Celebrating his 40th anniversary in amateur radio, Andy, LX1DA will be active as **LX40DA** until end March, and again from 1 September to 31 December. QSL via LX1DA; the log will be uploaded to Club Log and (after the end of the year) to LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special callsigns throughout 2021 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ1612EN** (April), **LZ1072BG** (May), **LZ308WK** (June), **LZ950TM** (July), **LZ363ER** (August), **LZ305AI** (September), **LZ1337KM** (October), **LZ1470IN** (November) and **LZ14MP** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria.

OA, PERU Celebrating the 200th anniversary of Peruvian independence, the Radio Club Peruano will activate four special callsigns until the end of the year: **OC200P** (May and September), **OC200E** (June and October), **OC200R** (July and November) and **OC200U** (April, August and December). QSLs via OA4O. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE100BL** is the special callsign issued to the Burgenlaendischer Amateur Radio Club for celebrating throughout 2021 the 100th anniversary since Burgenland became an Austrian state. QSL via OE4JHW. Individual operators may also apply for

OE100 to replace their prefix (e.g. OE4EIE will be signing OE100EIE). An award will be available, (TNX 425DX)

OH, FINLAND OF60RR draws attention to the 60th anniversary of the steel mill Rautaruukki. QRV until March 2022. QSL via bureau or via OH8DR direct. (TNX DXNL)

OH, FINLAND Look for **OH100SRAL** during 2021, this to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL). QSL via LoTW or bureau (early 2022).

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Three members of the Netherlands Telegraphy Club (namely PA3HEN, PA7RA and PG4I) will be active as **PA50AGCW** on 1-31 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Activity Group CW. QSL via PA3HEN, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN During 2021, **SD400SU** celebrates the 400th anniversary of the city Sundsvall. Operators are the members of the Sundsvall Amateur Radio Club (SK3BG). QSL via SM3NXS (d/B), Club Log OQRS. (TNX DXNL)

SM, SWEDEN SK75AT is the special call for the Foreningen Umea Radioamatörer Club (SK2AT) to celebrate its 75th anniversary until end 2021. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND Members of the Piastowski Amateur Radio Club (SP6PAZ) will be active as **SO100PS** on 1-31 May to commemorate the centenary of the third Silesian Uprising (2 May-21 July 1921). The Silesian Uprisings ("Powstania Slaskie") were a series of three armed conflicts in Upper Silesia from 1919 to 1921 in which Poles and Polish Silesians sought to break away from Germany and join the new Polish Republic, founded after World War I. QSL via SP6PAZ and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND SN0ZOSP and **SN100ZOSP** celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Association of the Voluntary Fire Brigades of the Republic of Poland until February 5, 2022. QSL for SN0ZOSP via SP9ODM, SN100ZOSP via SP9SPJ. (TNX DXNL)

SP, POLAND HF100LEM, operating from Krakow, marks the 100th birthday of the Polish writer Stanislaw Lem during 2021. QSL via SP9PKZ. (TNX DXNL)

SP, POLAND SP1DPA, SP1EG, SP1MGM, SQ1PSA and SQ3PMX are active as **SQ0MORSE** until end April to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the birth of Samuel F.B. Morse (1791-1872). QSL via SP1EG. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE Amateur radio operators from Greece have been granted permission to use special prefixes until end 2021 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Greek Revolution of 1821 which led to the formation of modern Greece. The special prefixes do not differentiate the call areas: Class 1 licensees can replace SV# with **SX200** (e.g. SX200AEL is SV2AEL, while SX200RMA is SV8RMA and SX200COL is SV9COL), Class 2 licensees can replace SY# with **SY200**, club stations can replace SZ# with **SZ200**. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE 200 Years of Greek Independence Award On air during 2021. The Greek War of Independence, also known as the Greek Revolution (Greek: Ελληνική Επανάσταση, Elliniki Epanastasi; referred to by Greeks in the 19th century as simply the Αγώνας, Agonas, "Struggle", was a successful war of independence waged by Greek revolutionaries against the Ottoman Empire between 1821 and 1830. Any Greek station, foreigners Greeks or friends of Greece all over the world may join "200 Years of Greek Independence Award". All mode and types of QSO are valid. Award manager is SV2RCK. <https://sv2rck.gr/200YEARS/>

TI, COSTA RICA On September 15, 2021, the Bicentennial of the Independence of Costa Rica will be celebrated with great fanfare. In commemoration of such an important and historical event, a team of radio amateurs will be activating the special call sign **T1200I** to celebrate 200 years of independent life of Costa Rica.

The goal is to make Costa Rican independence known to the world with pride on its Bicentennial. Activation until October 29.

Bands – 6 to 80m (+ 2m).

Modes – SSB, CW and FT8 (+ FM).

Contacts will be confirmed via LoTW, QRZ & QSL manager.

The team of operators will be announced soon.

UA, RUSSIA R1934G, R108M, RG61PP and R1961G are the special callsigns which will be active from the Smolensk Oblast until 30 April to commemorate the 87th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's birth (9 March 1934) and the 60th anniversary of his historic 108-minute first flight ("Pervyj Poljot") into outer space (12 April 1961). (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE Nikolay UX0FF celebrates his 50th year on the air with the callsign **EO50FF** during 2021. QSL via UX0FF direct or bureau, LoTW, eQSL.

UR, UKRAINE Special callsign **EM25VER** has been active since 1 February to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Antarctic station "Akademik Vernadsky" (formerly a British research base that existed for nearly fifty years, it was handed over to Ukraine on 6 February 1996). QSL via UT1KY. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE Special calls **EM150PLU, EN150PLU and EO150PLU** are active during 2021 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Lesya Ukrainka (1871-1913), one of Ukrainian literature's foremost writers. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA The Pride Radio Group is active as **VI2021PRIDE** during 10 April-5 May and 1-30 June. A unique QSL card will be issued for each event. QSL via VK3FUR direct. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA From our modest beginnings in 1921, Air Force has grown into a potent, World class Air Force which Australia relies upon in both conflict and peace. The men and women of the Royal Australian Air Force have achieved great success in serving Australia and its national interest over the past 100 years.

The RAAF was formed on 31st March 1921, to mark this Centenary the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) will be celebrating with two call signs:

VK100AF 1st March to 31st August 2021, which will be used by a team of Radio Amateurs across the bands around Australia.

VI100AF 1st March 2021 to 29th May 2021 will be used by Radio Amateurs that are either current or veteran military personnel and some activities may be from military bases.

Stuart Birkin. VK8NSB will be organising the event that will be aired by many Radio Amateurs across Australia as we celebrate this centenary with you. A team of 40+ operators across Australia will operating over the next few months.

QSL Information: A commemorative 4-sided QSL will be printed for direct QSL requests.

OQRS Link for Direct & Bureau QSL VI100AF:

<https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php?dxcallsign=VI100AF>

OQRS Link for Direct & Bureau QSL VK100AF:

<https://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/logsearch.php?dxcallsign=VK100AF>

Direct: QSL \$2 Via M0URX

Bureau: Please only use OQRS. No Bureau route for incoming Bureau

LoTW: will be uploaded.

VR, HONG KONG As one of the most popular icons in modern history, the legendary martial arts master Bruce Lee still inspires people worldwide more than 47 years after his passing. His great achievements transcend territories, time and disciplines. His charisma radiated from the silver screen, his prowess amazed the martial arts community, his profound legacy lives on forever in the hearts of people. To salute the all-time superstar, Hong Kong 1555th Kowloon Group (VR2CS) presents a Special Event call **VR2BLEE** operated by Igor VR2ZQZ. Operation until end January 2022.

YU, SERBIA On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of continuous activity of the callsign **YU1ANO**, the Serbian Administration has authorized the Belgrade Amateur Radio Club to use the special callsign YU51ANO until June 15. QSL via YU1EA. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA Members of the Serbian CW Club are active as **YT165TESLA** until the end of the year to commemorate the 165th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla (10 July 1856). QSL via the bureau, LoTW, or direct to YU1MM. (TNX 425DX)

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